

# *All Saints' C. of E. Primary School*

*Rooted in Faith, Growing Through Learning*

**Policy Subject: Uniform**

**Date: March 2023**



**Our Vision**  
**Confident Futures**

**Our Mission**  
**Inspiring and enabling each other,**  
**through our Christian values,**  
**to flourish**  
**and be outstanding in everything we do**

**Our Core Values**  
**Kindness**  
**Respect**  
**Resilience**

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is**  
**Claire Wood – Head Teacher**

**The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (D-DSLs) are**  
**Marinus Reynolds-Viljoen – Deputy Head Teacher**  
**Catherine Williams – Inclusion Manager**  
**Rebecca Lake – Early Years Phase Leader**  
**Janet Sharp – KS2 Phase Leader and Online Safety Lead**  
**Louise Pitteway – KS1 Phase Leader**

**Designated Member of Staff for Looked After Children**  
**Catherine Williams – Inclusion Manager**

**Governor with Responsibility for Safeguarding**  
**Alex Millbrook**  
**Marigold Hayes**

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## 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

## 2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back) for health and safety reasons
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Ms Claire Wood – Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

## 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes

- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

#### **4. Expectations for school uniform**

##### **4.1 Our school's uniform**

Children should wear the navy and grey school uniform. This includes:

White shirt, school tie, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts (must be regulation grey school trousers), navy v-neck jumper or cardigan (with school logo), grey socks or tights

##### Summer

Light blue/white checked dress, white socks

- Branded items are required include the school tie and the PE top
- We will accept generic items instead of branded ones but those items need to have the school badge on them. The badge can be bought separately and sewed onto clothes
- For PE, plimsolls, yellow polo shirts and shorts are needed by all children, (yellow polo shirts printed with school logo and navy shorts). During the winter months children will need track suit bottoms. Please ensure these items are carried in a drawstring bag that can be bought at the school office and that all items are clearly named. Further up the school, sensible sports trainers may be worn for outside games lessons and athletics only, but the children must be able to tie their laces. For swimming, an appropriate swimming costume (no baggy shorts for the boys), goggles and a towel are required. The children must also bring a swimming cap
- No jewellery should be worn apart from stud earrings unless it is for religious or cultural reasons
- Children should have a sensible outside, plain, dark coat. Children must wear black, sensible school/walking shoes (no heels)

##### **4.2 Where to purchase it**

Branded uniform can be purchased directly from our supplier: Stitch Design - Second-hand uniform: <https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/allsaintscephrimarieschoolsw151hl>

FOASS our Parents Association organizes regular second-hand uniform sales throughout the school year.

#### **5. Expectations for our school community**

##### **5.1 Pupils**

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Ms Claire Wood – Headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

##### **5.2 Parents and carers**

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact Ms Claire Wood – Headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **5.3 Staff**

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the Senior Leadership Team.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

### **5.4 Governors**

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

## **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed yearly by Ms Claire Wood – Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Leadership and Management committee.

## **7. Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- › Behaviour policy
- › Equality information and objectives statement
- › Anti-bullying policy
- › Complaints policy